

battle. On two occasions he crawled within yards of enemy lines to evacuate wounded comrades. Later during the battle he ran 75 yards through withering machine gun fire directed at him and evacuated a seriously wounded crewman from a burning tank.

For his heroism displayed during these intense combat situations, Technician Okubo was recommended for the Medal of Honor. I think it is important to note that, Mr. Speaker, he was recommended at that time for the Medal of Honor. However, the award was downgraded with the explanation that since he was a medic, Technician Okubo was not eligible for any award higher than the Silver Star.

Sadly, Mr. Okubo passed away in 1967 without ever receiving the proper recognition he rightly deserves. However, we now have the opportunity to correct this injustice. Mr. Okubo's case has recently been reviewed, as the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) indicated, by the Department of the Army under Section 1130 of Title X. After a thorough review of the facts of the case, the Army determined that Mr. Okubo in fact deserves to be awarded the Medal of Honor recommended for him for his valor during World War II.

On June 21, the President will be recognizing 12 members of Mr. Okubo's former unit, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. These individuals have also earned the Nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor.

I strongly urge the House to join our colleagues in the Senate and pass S. 2722, so that James K. Okubo can be honored with his comrades on this momentous occasion.

Mr. Speaker, may I conclude and thank the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) again personally on this floor for not only his interest, but his dedication, and thank in particular Mike Higgins and Phil Grone, Ashley Godwin and Deborah Watta for making it possible for the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) and myself to appear on the floor in such an expeditious manner. They have done a terrific job with this, Mr. Speaker, and I am very grateful. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Hawaii.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 2722.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2000

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 9, I was unable to vote due to a family emergency, and on Rollcall Vote 251, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

On Rollcall Vote Number 252, had I been present, I would have voted yea.

I make the same requests on Rollcall Vote Number 253, I would have voted aye.

I make the same requests on Rollcall Vote Number 254, I would have voted no.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. JEFFERSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 3:00 p.m. on account of a family obligation.

Ms. LOFGREN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a family obligation.

Mr. ROEMER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on account of a family obligation.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for June 14 on account of illness in the family.

Mr. TOOMEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 4:15 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today until 7:00 p.m. on account of death in the family.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1967. An act to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 2498. An act to authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, construct, and equip laboratory, administrative, and support space to house base operations for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Submillimeter Array located on Mauna Kea at Hilo, Hawaii; to the Committee on House Administration.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4387. an act to provide that the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 shall take effect upon the date such Act is ratified by the voters of the District of Columbia.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 25 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 19, 2000, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for official foreign travel during the first quarter of 2000, by Committees of the House of Representatives, as well as a consolidated report of foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for speaker-authorized official travel during the fourth quarter of 1999, and first and second quarters of 2000, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, and for miscellaneous groups in connection with official foreign travel during the second quarter of 2000 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2000

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Bob Etheridge	1/9	1/13	China		1,120.00		(3)				1,120.00
	1/13	1/15	Hong Kong		694.00		(3)				694.00
	1/15	1/18	Taiwan		530.00		(3)				530.00
Committee total					2,344.00						2,344.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.³ Military air transportation.

LARRY COMBEST, Chairman, June 9, 2000.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, HOUSE DELEGATION TO NIGERIA ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN DEC. 5 AND DEC. 14, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Richard A. Gephardt	12/5	12/7	Nigeria		562.00						562.00
	12/7	12/10	Zimbabwe		717.00						717.00
	12/10	12/14	South Africa		856.00						856.00
Hon. Amo Houghton	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Hon. Mike Castle	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Hon. Jennifer Dunn	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Hon. Bill Jefferson	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Hon. Sue Kelly	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Hon. Carolyn Kilpatrick	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Hon. Gregory Meeks	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Hon. Donald Payne	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Steve Elmerdorf	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Chet Lunner	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Laura Nichols	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Darrel Thompson	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Craig Hanna	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Brett O'Brien	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Cassandra Butts	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Robert Cogorno	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Bob Van Wicklin	12/10	12/14	South Africa								
Hon. Maxine Waters	12/5	12/7	Nigeria		562.00						562.00
	12/5	12/7	Nigeria		562.00						562.00
	12/7	12/10	Zimbabwe		717.00						717.00
	12/7	12/12	South Africa		340.00						340.00
Committee total					40,611.00						40,611.00

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RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Chairman, May 23, 2000.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TRAVEL TO RUSSIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 15 AND APR. 22, 2000

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Theodore J. Van Der Meid	4/15	4/22	Russia		³ 1,450.00		4,706.63				
Committee total					1,450.00		4,706.63				

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.³ Purpose: To meet with Russian National Library officials and other Russian representatives, together with the U.S. Librarian of Congress, to discuss collaborative efforts on digitization and archival access activities; to attend a Russian Leadership Conference, and to meet with various members and staff of the Russian Duma and Federation Council to discuss matters of mutual interest.

THEODORE J. VAN DER MEID, May 22, 2000.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TRAVEL TO HAITI, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 19 AND MAY 22, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Cliff Etammerman	5/19	5/22	Haiti		³ 292.00						292.00
Committee total					292.00						292.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.³ No receipts were given.

CLIFF ETAMMERMAN, June 8, 2000.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TRAVEL TO CANADA, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 7 AND MAY 12, 2000

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Thomas Duncan	5/7	5/12	Canada				584.68				584.68
Committee total							584.68				584.68

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

THOMAS DUNCAN, June 5, 2000.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE TO BELGIUM, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 8 AND APR. 10, 2000

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Doug Bereuter	4/8	4/10	Belgium		667.00		(3)				667.00
Hon. Tom Bliley	4/8	4/10	Belgium		667.00		(3)				667.00
Hon. Robert Borski	4/8	4/10	Belgium		667.00		(3)				667.00
Susan Olson	4/8	4/10	Belgium		667.00		(3)				667.00
Committee total					2,668.00		(3)				2,668.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

DOUG BEREUTER, Chairman, June 8, 2000.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, MEXICO-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP TO MEXICO, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 5 AND MAY 7, 2000

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Ruben Hinojosa	5/5	5/7	Mexico		220.38		549.64				770.02
Committee total					220.38		549.64				770.02

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

RUBEN HINOJOSA.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, MEXICO-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP TO MEXICO, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 5 AND MAY 7, 2000

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Phil English	5/5	5/7	Mexico		220.38						220.38
Committee total					220.38						220.38

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

PHIL ENGLISH.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, MEXICO-U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP TO MEXICO, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 5 AND MAY 7, 2000

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Silvestre Reyes	5/5	5/7	Mexico		220.38						220.38
Committee total					220.38						220.38

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

SILVESTRE REYES.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8153. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Tobacco Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tobacco Inspection; Subpart B—Regulations [Docket No. TB-99-07] (RIN: 0581-AB75) received May 17, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8154. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of Adminis-

trative Rules and Regulations Governing Issuance of Additional Allotment Base to New Producers [Docket No. FV-00-985-2 FR] received May 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8155. A letter from the Administrator, FSA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Disaster Set-Aside Program—Second Installment Set-Aside (RIN: 0560-AF91) received May 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8156. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting certification with respect to the Advanced Threat Infrared Countermeasure/Common Missile Warning System (ATIRCM/CMWS) Major Defense Acquisition Program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C.

2433(e)(2)(B)(i); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8157. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; OMB Circular A-73, Audit of Federal Operations and Programs [DFARS Case 2000-D007] received May 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8158. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Authority Relating to Utility Privatization [DFARS Case 99-D309] received May 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.